

Legend: Blue: Instructional
Black: Read on Radio
Red: Instructional (Other party)

HAMILTON COUNTY TENNESSEE ARES
VHF Net Script-v6 as of Feb 18, 2016)

OPENING THE NET:

NCS says:

"CQ,CQ,CQ... This is the Chattanooga, Hamilton County Tennessee Amateur Radio Emergency Services Net. This is (NCS call sign)... My name is (NCS name) and I am located in (NCS location)." "This is a directed net. This net meets each week on the 146.790- repeater, and on the 442.150+ and 444.450+ repeaters, when linked for training nets or public service activities. This net is for the purpose of training in amateur radio emergency communications. In the event of a repeater failure the alternate repeater is 145.390- the alternate simplex frequency is 147.420. All radio amateurs are encouraged to check-in. "

Establish an ANCS (Alternate Net Control Station): NCS says:

"Is there a designated Alternate Net Control station on frequency? OVER."

Designated ANCS says: This is (ANCS call sign) Alternate Net Control, OVER.

NCS says: "ROGER... (ANCS call sign), You are Alternate Net Control."

Alternatively, when no ANCS station has been previously assigned... - - NCS says:

" This is (NCS call sign)... Is there a Volunteer station that would like to serve as Alternate Net Control?... OVER."

Volunteer ANCS says: " (NCS call sign)... This is (Volunteer ANCS call sign), I will volunteer to serve as Alternate Net Control.._OVER. "

NCS says:

"ROGER... (Volunteer ANCS call sign), You are Alternate Net Control."

Continue opening the Net:

NCS says:

"This is (NCS call sign) calling the Chattanooga, Hamilton County Tennessee Amateur Radio Emergency Services Net... I would like to remind all stations that this is a Directed Net for training purposes in Emergency Communications procedures. Whenever possible, stations needing to leave early should call Net Control and advise you require 'Early Close'. Stations with information for the net should give your callsign and wait to be recognized by Net Control before continuing to give the information to the net."

NCS continues:

"I will now stand-by for check-ins. Please give your callsign, name with location, including county. If out-of-state, please also give your state. If you have traffic or announcements for the net, please list that traffic or announcement by advising net control that you have traffic using the following format.

"This is KA4EMA with 1 Routine" or "This is KA4EMA with 2 Priority messages" or "KA4EMA with EMERGENCY traffic"

Please hold the traffic until requested by net control in the order of the precedents listed.

Stations for the Net... Call now."

NCS acknowledges check-ins and traffic listed, in order received, and repeats and clarification of additional check-ins as needed... Once all initial check-ins have been

handled, traffic listed, and no others heard NCS then calls the checked in stations to give their traffic or information to the net, in the order of priority listed. If an EMERGENCY priority is received at any time during the net, the net stops until that traffic is handled.

Note: For identification and information purposes, at least every 10 minutes, NCS begins a transmission with the following: "This is (your call sign) calling the Chattanooga, Hamilton County Tennessee Amateur Radio Emergency Services Net.

NCS asks if anyone needs clarification or fills on the traffic and information listed.

NCS can also ask for late checks.

TRAINING: NCS or other assigned stations conduct interactive training on appropriate subject matter. Encourage participation from Net members.

COMMENTS: Go down the roster, asking individual stations for comments... This procedure is handled at NCS' discretion, but it is suggested: Begin with ARES Officers in order of rank (as best you can), then call mobile stations, then others in the order they checked-in. If an ARES Officer checks-in late during this process, acknowledge them and ask for comments... They are probably there for a reason.

After all stations have had an opportunity to make comments...

NCS asks: "Are there any stations with additional discussion topics, comments business, training issues or other business for this net?"

Ask the net for stations to volunteer for net control or alternate net control duties.

Ask the net for stations who would like to volunteer for leading a training discussion segment at a future net. Record these if anyone volunteers and forward to K4VOM.

After all business is completed... Make a final call for late check-ins before closing:

NCS says: "This is (NCS call sign) calling the Chattanooga, Hamilton County Tennessee Amateur Radio Emergency Services Net... "Additional stations for the Net... Call now."

Once all late check-ins have been handled, and no others heard...

NCS can make any additional final announcements or comments, as appropriate, such as total number of checkings for the net.

CLOSING THE NET:

NCS says: "I would like to thank everyone for checking in tonight and also those who stood down while the net was in operation. Your help in maintaining this Net is greatly appreciated. The Chattanooga / Hamilton County Amateur Radio Emergency Services wish to thank Tom Morgan (K4VCM), Shawn Stoddard (KG4OVQ), Andy Zorca (WJ9J), and the Chattanooga Amateur Radio Club for the use of their repeaters."

"If you would like to become an ARES member please go to:

www.hamiltoncountyares.org or search using keywords 'Hamilton County Tennessee ARES', and fill out an application." Be sure to also like our Facebook Page and follow us on Twitter.

NCS says: "This is (NCS call sign) closing the Net and returning the repeater(s) to normal amateur use."

When the net is complete, file a net report at <http://goo.gl/forms/QYqV5L8HTD>